

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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September 7, 2022

Our Poets, Past and Present

Ecstasy

Michael, Gabriel, Raphael,
Pray for me
That dazzling Heaven
I may see!

When I am sick,
I pray to Michael
For healing.

When I'm depressed
I pray to Gabriel
For feeling.

And if I feel blind,
Ask Raphael
To be kind.

Ecstasy in Heaven
Is here!
The angels three
Be near me!

—**Brother Remigius Bullinger, CSC**
September 2000



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Labor Day Prayer 2022 Columba Hall

Lord, on this Labor Day, we thank you for the blessing of all work. Strengthen all workers to complete their work each day. Give rest to those who are weary. We ask for your guidance for everyone seeking employment. We ask that you be with those whose faces we might never see, but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. May we never forget all who work to make possible for others to have a better life.

Bless all those who worked to bring about our Labor Day meal: the growers and those who harvested the food we are about to enjoy. May we always have a grateful heart for those who serve us. Amen.

First *Prayer* then a *Meal* in common:



Above photo by Brother Nicholas Thielman





Note: GROUND NESTING BEES had moved in the day before our Labor Day meal. The nest was in the dirt at the beginning of the serving line. The serving line was relocated further West. Bees did try to enjoy our meal and drink our lemonade/beer. There were no stings.

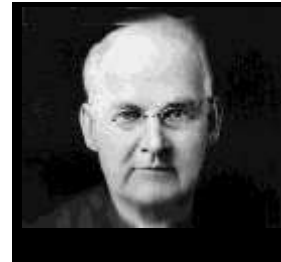


Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.

Servant of God

Website

<https://brothercolumba.com/>



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The *Brother Columba website* has been updated with several new photos, a second letter from Brother Columba referencing St. André Bessette, and an account of a third miracle - Jean Schwartz being cured of polio.

September 1, 2022



Brother Philip Smith, CSC
Postulator of the cause for Brother Columba

Notre Dame Students September 3, 2022

This Saturday a group of students from Notre Dame joined us for lunch. They are interested in visiting with individual Brothers on a regular basis and helping with various activities such as:

- working on puzzles
- watching movies on Saturday and Sunday afternoons
- participating in the Spiritual Development group on Fridays
- participating in the monthly Bingo games
- walking to the Grotto
- playing board games
- playing cards

They will also be offering various presentations throughout the semester.



Brother Christopher J. Dreyer



Renovation at Nkanchina Leprosarium

Renovation work is ongoing at the Nkanchina Leprosarium to create space for an infirmary/clinic, room for a station nurse and an area for a washing machine. We are also redoing the sewage and other plumbing issues. Most of the sewage lines are broken and that caused the lines to be blocked.

Thanks to those whose donations enabled us to embark on this renovation work.

God Bless





Brother Kenneth Kunditani

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Encounter

“Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am in their midst.” These words of Jesus are essential in understanding what the Church is meant to be. They are the foundation for the structure and rules that follow. They are the basis for why we meet as Church. Yes, we can emphasize the individual’s personal journey and his or her encounter with Christ. But there is a new dynamic that happens when two or more are gathered in his name.

In both dynamics it is the graced encounter which leads to a real and authentic living out of our Christian faith.

What is this new dynamic that takes place when we come together in his name? It means that the Christ within you meets the Christ within me. In Pope Francis’ call for synodality within the Church, he is reminding us that each of us have a role to play as the “people of God” when we share our gifts. Being human, however, we have a real but limited experience in our encounter with Christ. When we come together, then the “whole Christ” is able to be present. Through the Holy Spirit guiding us, we participate in bringing about the “kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.”

- How would you describe your Christian experience?
- Have you come to a personal encounter with Christ first through community?
- Have you come to community first through your encounter with Christ?

O God, help me recognize the Christ within my brothers and sisters.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Reflection
Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



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Don't ask what the world needs.
Ask what makes you come alive
and go do it.
Because what the world needs
is people who
have come alive.

— Howard Thurman

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Many people know how to work hard;
Many others know how to play well;
But the rarest talent in the world is the ability
To introduce elements of playfulness into work,
And to put some constructive labor into our leisure

Sydney J. Harris

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